



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-Second Legislature, Second Regular Session*

FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2324

G&F; military spouses; resident licenses

Purpose

Allows the spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States stationed in this state to purchase a resident license for the taking of wildlife.

Background

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 17-231, the Game and Fish Commission (Commission) establishes policies and programs for the management, preservation and harvest of wildlife. Current statute prohibits the taking of any wildlife, including fish, without a valid license or proof of purchase approved by the Commission. Licenses or proof of purchases must be carried at all times and produced upon request to any game ranger, wildlife manager or peace officer (A.R.S. § 17-331).

Current statute requires the Game and Fish Department to carry out the policies and programs set by the Commission, including issuing hunting and fishing licenses. Licenses are issued to both residents and nonresidents with varying fees, terms and limitations (A.R.S. § 17-332).

Members of the armed forces of the United States who are on active duty and stationed in Arizona for permanent or temporary duty may purchase a resident license permitting the taking of wildlife (A.R.S. § 17-337).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows the spouse of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States permanently or temporarily stationed in this state to purchase a resident license for the taking of wildlife.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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